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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**Community  
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# The Court Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Police District

Covering the Month of  
**April 2004**

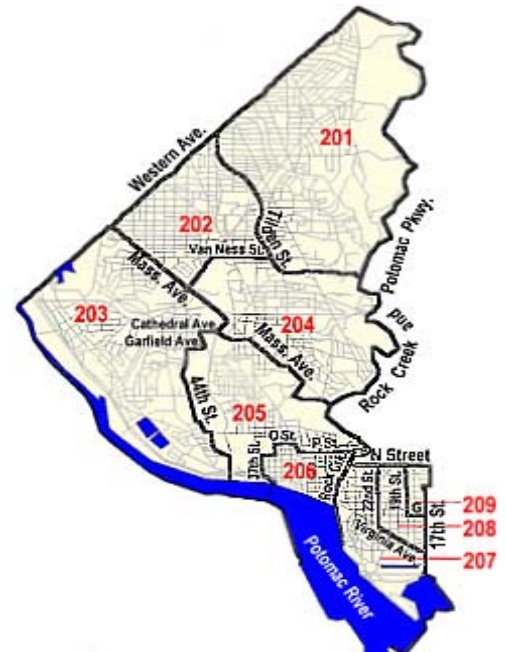
*Building Safer Neighborhoods Through Community Partnership*

## SUMMARY OF RECENT COURT CASES

- Former local high school football star and his uncle sentenced to five years in prison for robbery of Safeway Store at which one of the men worked.
- NW District woman sentenced to five months of incarceration for embezzling over \$58,000 from the Georgetown Department of Public Safety.
- A D. C. Superior Court jury convicted Timothy Gray of Simple Assault for a one punch assault after parties leave bar near Georgetown.
- Obie Gravely was sentenced to three years incarceration, (entirely suspended), one year of supervised probation under the Youth Rehabilitation Act Probation, and Community Service was ordered by Judge Christian, on April 1, 2004, following his guilty plea to the charge of Carrying a Pistol Without a License (CPWL).

*A detailed description of these and other cases from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District are provided inside of this report.*

## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> POLICE DISTRICT



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COMMUNITY PROSECUTION UPDATE



**CSOSA Mass Orientation:** The United States Attorney's Office, through its community prosecution team, supports the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) in its execution of the innovative Mass Orientation program. This program sets the ground rules for the offenders returning to the community, citing regulations, sanctions and rules of supervision. CSOSA has expanded the program to include presentations by MPDC and the U.S. Attorney's office. Our team discusses how the U.S. Attorney's Office works with CSOSA on supervision re-arrests and explains to offenders the laws and criminal penalties for firearms-related crimes, including prosecution of convicted felons in federal court. The Faith Based Community partners with CSOSA and provides meeting places for each district.

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## **The COURT REPORT**

**Former local high school football star and his uncle sentenced to five years in prison for robbery of Safeway Store at which one of the men worked. (Case No. F-6926-03; PSA 202)**

**FACTS:** Trulon M. Henry, 19, of the 5600 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, and his uncle, Raefield Wright, 20, of the 2400 block of Rhode Island Avenue, NE, were sentenced in D.C. Superior Court by the Honorable Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. to a total of five years in prison in connection with their roles in the armed robbery of the Safeway Supermarket at 4203 Davenport Street, NW (PSA 202) on November 5, 2003. On January 23, 2004, the two men pled guilty to the charges of robbery and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence. The five-year sentence, which was for the firearm charge, will be followed by three years of supervised release. The defendants also received a suspended two-year sentence on the robbery charge.

According to the government's factual proffer of evidence, with which defendants agreed, on November 5, 2003, at about 10:37 p.m., Henry and Wright entered the Safeway Supermarket and robbed the business at gunpoint. Both Henry and Wright were armed with handguns and were wearing all black clothing with their faces covered. During the robbery, Wright ordered an employee of the store to the ground. He then paced about the inside front of the store and acted as a lookout. Henry, for his part, ordered a store manager into the cashier's booth and took, while armed with a pistol, an undetermined amount of U.S. currency from the store's safe. The robbery was captured by the store's videotape camera. Henry and Wright then fled out an exit door together, spilling some of the money on the floor as they made good their escape.

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Officers responding to a call for a robbery at the store observed an individual, later identified as Henry, wearing black clothing running south on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street from the Safeway. The officers pursued Henry to the backyard of a house in the 4100 block of Chesapeake Street, N.W., where he jumped over a fence. The officers captured Henry a short time later hiding under a nearby porch. The police recovered from just outside a nearby gate U.S. currency and a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber handgun loaded with five bullets. Additionally, several items of dark clothing were located in a nearby front yard.

The officers took Henry back to the Safeway parking lot for a show-up. One of the witnesses recognized Henry as a store employee and said that Henry's build, height and weight were similar to the person who robbed the store.

The officers placed Henry under arrest and took him to the MPD Second District. He gave a videotaped statement to MPD Detectives in which he admitted his participation in the above-described robbery, as well as an earlier robbery at the same store on October 21, 2003. The earlier robbery had been reported to the police, but no arrests had been made previously. Henry also identified his accomplice as Wright.

The police obtained a search warrant for Wright's house. During a search there that same night, the police recovered numerous relevant items, including .38 caliber bullets, a black

bag containing a large sum of money, a Safeway nametag and a cellular phone. MPD Detectives contacted Wright and took a videotaped statement from him in which he implicated himself in the two robberies. He said he was the individual pacing at the door and acting as a lookout in the November 5<sup>th</sup> robbery. He also identified himself as the individual who struck a customer in the head with his gun and took the customer's cell phone during the October 21<sup>st</sup> robbery.

In the Fall of 2002, Henry played football for Wilson High School. That year, he was named by The Washington Post as an Honorable Mention All-Met defensive linebacker. At the time of the robberies, Henry had a pending offer of a scholarship to attend college and play football.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Roscoe Howard praised the efforts of the MPD personnel involved in quickly responding to the November 5<sup>th</sup> robbery, obtaining custody of the defendants and getting confessions from them. He especially wanted to note the work of MPD Second District Detectives Michael Ross and Delroy Burton whose good work resulted in the pre-indictment plea in this case. Mr. Howard also praised the work of legal assistant Teesha Tobias. Finally, he thanked Assistant United States Attorneys Lynn Mattucci, who conducted the initial investigation of this matter, and Daniel P. Butler who handled the plea and the sentencing of the defendants.

**NW District woman sentenced to five months of incarceration for embezzling over \$58,000 from the Georgetown Department of Public Safety. (Case No. 03-0497; PSA 206)**

**FACTS:** Mary L. Singleton, 37, of Rhode Island Avenue, NW, was sentenced by United States District Judge Reggie B. Walton to five months in prison to be followed by five months of electronic monitoring and two years of supervised release, in connection her scheme to embezzle more than \$58,000 from the Georgetown University Department of Public Safety ("DPS"). On December 15, 2003, she pled guilty to mail fraud.

Singleton was an Executive Assistant from April 2001 through January 2003 at DPS, which is located at 37<sup>th</sup> & O Streets, NW, on the University's campus. As part of her employment responsibilities, Singleton initiated and maintained documentation for DPS expenditures. It was her responsibility to process invoices and other bills for payment by DPS after obtaining the approval of a supervisor. Singleton repeatedly defrauded DPS by submitting personal bills for payment by DPS and forging the signatures of her supervisors on expense vouchers. Her scheme to defraud DPS resulted in a loss of \$58,949.23.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Roscoe Howard praised the work of Legal Assistant Shavonne Jennings Rush, Assistant United States Attorney Alexia Pappas and former Assistant United States Attorney Wan Kim, who prosecuted the case.

**Superior Court jury convicts Timothy Gray of Simple Assault for a one punch assault after parties leave bar near Georgetown. (F-3491-03; PSA 207)**

**FACTS:** A Superior Court jury found Timothy Gray guilty of Simple Assault for a one punch assault that resulted in four fractures to the victim's cheekbone, before the Honorable Maurice Ross. The defendant is a six foot, 210 pound, ex-Marine in his early 20s. The victim is a senior cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The defendant and the victim went to the same high school in Springfield, VA, but they did not really know each other. On February 24, 2003, the defendant and the victim were in McFadden's bar near Georgetown. The victim left the bar with a woman with whom the defendant had recently been romantically involved. The victim and the woman were in the 2400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., walking down the street, when the defendant ran up behind them and blind-sided the victim with a sucker punch to his face. The punch was thrown so hard that the victim sustained four compound fractures to his cheekbone that required emergency reconstructive surgery later that night. The defendant fled the scene, but was arrested a few weeks later on an arrest warrant.

The defense during the trial was that the defendant threw only one punch and never intended to cause such damage. The defendant testified that he walked up to the victim because he wanted to see where his female friend was going, and when the victim turned around the defendant thought that the victim was going to throw a punch so he jabbed him in the face. Due to scheduling issues, the government was unable to call the doctor who treated the victim, as a witness. The jury found the defendant not guilty of Aggravated Assault, a felony charge, but guilty of Simple Assault, a misdemeanor.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced May 21, 2004. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Louis Ramos.



**DEFENDANTS WHO WERE CONVICTED  
IN FIREARMS CASES**

*Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative, 19 persons were convicted of firearms offenses in April, 2004. PSN is a partnership between local and federal agencies to reduce gun violence in the District of Columbia. The following is a list of offenses that occurred in this district:*

**Obie Gravely** was sentenced to three years incarceration, (entirely suspended), one year of supervised probation under the Youth Rehabilitation Act Probation, and Community Service was ordered by Judge Christian, on April 1, 2004, following his guilty plea to the charge of Carrying a Pistol Without a License (CPWL). Gravely was initially arrested on January 9, 2004, in the 1800 block of M Street, N.W. (PSA 204)

**U.S. Attorney's Office Web site**

The United States Attorney's Office maintains a web site with additional information concerning Office personnel and activities. The web site is: [www.DCcommunityprosecution.gov](http://www.DCcommunityprosecution.gov)

**The Following Report, Titled “Papered Arrests”  
Contains Details on Arrests and Charges Filed  
Against Defendants in this District.**

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PAPERED ARRESTS**

**Criteria Entered; Arrest Date: 04/01/2004 - 04/30/2004, District: 2D, Sort: PSA, Arrest Date**

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201	04/09/2004 12:00	04047783	INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER JOHN J. SOROKA	SCORSUNE, THOMAS J	F0237004	SC, HOMICIDE/MAJOR CRIMES SECTION, DISTRICT 1&2 CONN & NEBRASKA AVE NW
201	04/10/2004 00:37	04048270	ATT ARMED ROBBERY TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	JENNINGS, ROMAL A	F0238004	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 5701 CHEVY CHASE PKWY NW
201	04/10/2004 00:37	04048270	ATT ARMED ROBBERY TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	PEREZ, LINO G	F0238104	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 5701 CHEVY CHASE PKWY NW
201	04/12/2004 16:00	04049360	ADW TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	HARDIE, ERNEST	F0241204	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 5550 CONNECTICUT AVE NW
201	04/14/2004 18:15	04050402	SIMPLE ASSAULT ROZELLA A. OLIVER	SMOLIAR, MICHAEL I	M0384504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3100 BLK JOCELYN STREET
201	04/28/2004 00:56	04056808	UCSA POSS COCAINE	HARRIS, JOHN D	M0430104	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5300 BLOCK 29TH STREET N
201	04/28/2004 09:25	04443002	SIMPLE ASSAULT RIKKI D. MCCOY	MCNEIL, THOMASINE	M0433304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5345 WISCONSIN AVE NW

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202	04/05/2004 06:45	04179687	BURGLARY I TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	GORCHKOVA, OLGA	F0223304	SC 5300 & WISCONSIN AVE NW
202	04/16/2004 07:30	04050657	THEFT 2ND DEGREE ROZELLA A. OLIVER	ALSTON, RICKY T	M0394804	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 4500 BLK 40TH ST. NW
202	04/24/2004 18:15	04055297	THEFT 2ND DEGREE	PARKS, NATARCHA Y	M0420304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5300 WISC AVE NW
202	04/27/2004 18:15	04056684	THEFT 2ND DEGREE RITA T. FLYNN	JAKELI, TEONA	M0430404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5333 WISCONSIN AVE NW
203	04/10/2004 10:10	04048375	SIMPLE ASSAULT NATASHIA TIDWELL	COLLINS, PHELPS	M0370804	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 4400 MASS AVE NW
203	04/30/2004 12:00	04012851	DEST PROP OVER 200 TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	ECONOMIDES, FRANK C	F0277804	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 1901 ANACOSTIA DRIVE SE
204	04/07/2004 21:20	04047029	THEFT 2ND DEGREE TIMOTHY J. KELLY	DICKERSON, JAMES	M0353904	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2616 CONN AVE NW

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204	04/17/2004 01:35	04051640	CARRY PISTOL W/OUT LICENSE-OUTSIDE HOME/BUSIN	PRINCE, BRIAN T	F0253404	SC, FELONY SECTION 4000 WISCONSIN AVE NW
204	04/17/2004 01:35	04051646	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA	BRIGGS, VALERIE	F0253504	SC, FELONY SECTION 4000 WISCONSIN AVE NW
205	04/03/2004 02:39	04044660	BAIL REFORM ACT-FEL	FORD, JAMES E	F0219104	SC, FELONY SECTION 3336 P ST NW
205	04/03/2004 02:39	04044660	BURGLARY I DAVID P. SAYBOLT	FORD, JAMES E	F0219004	SC, HOMICIDE/MAJOR CRIMES SECTION, DISTRICT 1&2 3336 P ST NW
205	04/22/2004 15:10	04054253	UCSA POSS COCAINE JENNY L. GRUS	PASQUALLE, DARIN K	M0416804	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2400 WIS AVE NW
205	04/22/2004 15:20	04054253	UCSA POSS COCAINE JENNY L. GRUS	COX, AZA F	M0416704	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2400 WIS AVE NW
205	04/29/2004 09:15		THEFT 1ST DEGREE	WHITE, ELIAS	M0437304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1815 WISCONSIN AVE NW



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206	04/01/2004 23:39	04044074	CARRY PISTOL W/OUT LICENSE-OUTSIDE HOME/BUSIN TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	MILLER, HAROLD W	F0216504	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 1240 28TH STREET NW
206	04/06/2004 09:10	04046143	SIMPLE ASSAULT	MANNING, MARVIN	M0375504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2800 M STREET NW
206	04/18/2004 13:35	04052335	SHOPLIFTING JEFFREY PEARLMAN	MEHROTRA, ASHI	M0401704	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3011 M ST NW
206	04/20/2004 21:15	04053379	THEFT 2ND DEGREE	CARDWELL, LISA A	M0433904	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3111 M ST NW
206	04/24/2004 21:25	04055372	THEFT 2ND DEGREE AMANDA J. WILLIAMS	WILKERSON, WILLIAM K	M0422104	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1403 WISCONSIN AVE NW
206	04/30/2004 11:40	04133211	ARMED ROBBERY TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	SCARBORO, GINELLE F	F0277304	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3320 IDAHO AVE NW
207	04/01/2004 16:30	04043820	THEFT 2ND DEGREE JENNY L. GRUS	NICHOLSON, SCOTTIE J	M0377604	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1825 I STREET NW

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207	04/07/2004 01:50	04046608	UCSA P W/I D COCAINE G. MICHAEL HARVEY	CUNNINGHAM, KEITH	F0227104	SC, FELONY SECTION 2600 BLOCK PENNSYLVANIA
207	04/07/2004 01:58	04046608	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA G. MICHAEL HARVEY	MARSHALL, TAMMY L	F0227004	SC, FELONY SECTION 2600 BLOCK PENNSYLVANIA
207	04/09/2004 00:50	04047669	UCSA POSS COCAINE WALTER C. BOYD	CULLEN, CHRISTINE P	M0362704	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2401 PENN. AVE NW
207	04/11/2004 01:00	04048743	THEFT 2ND DEGREE JENNY L. GRUS	NICHOLSON, SCOTTIE J	M0377604	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1600 FOXHALL RD NW
207	04/19/2004 01:23	04011411	UCSA P W/I D COCAINE HEATHER R. PHILLIPS	MCFADDEN, MAURICE S	F0256604	SC, FELONY SECTION FRENCH DRIVE @ LINCOLN M
208	04/05/2004 10:34	04045756	UNLAWFUL ENTRY JESSIE K. LIU	NAKADA, YOSHIO	M0348004	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 800 21ST STREET NW
208	04/06/2004 12:00	04039330	RECEIVE STOLEN GOODS DAVID P. SAYBOLT	ALBURY, LEO A	F0225604	SC, HOMICIDE/MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 2222 I STREET NW

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208	04/10/2004 17:50	04048581	THEFT 2ND DEGREE WALTER C. BOYD	WHEELER, CYRUS A	M0374304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2000 PA AVE NW
208	04/12/2004 16:55	04049362	ROBBERY TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	HARRIS, MICHAEL	F0241704	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 1900 M ST NW
208	04/24/2004 14:35	04055223	DEST OF PROPERTY	LOESCH, MARY A	M0420104	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 900 20TH ST NW
208	04/25/2004 04:15	04055512	SIMPLE ASSAULT TIMOTHY J. KELLY	MURLINSKI, KIRILL	M0421204	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2121 H STREET NW
209	04/02/2004 03:00	04044112	UCSA POSS COCAINE ROBERT E. LEIDENHEIMER	KELLY, GARY J	M0346504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 17TH & L ST NW
209	04/09/2004 03:25	04047701	UCSA P W/I D OTHER	LANSDOWNE, DWAYNE E	F0235304	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 1100 18TH STREET NW
209	04/09/2004 03:25	04047701	UCSA P W/I D OTHER	ANDERSON, AARON M	F0235404	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 1100 18TH STREET NW

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209	04/11/2004 03:45	04048809	ADW TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	ISHAK, DEDY K	F0238404	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 1100 BLK 19TH ST NW
209	04/11/2004 04:50	04048797	SIMPLE ASSAULT NATASHIA TIDWELL	ESTWICK, VAUGHN E	M0372104	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1214B 18TH ST NW
209	04/24/2004 15:00	04055220	DEST OF PROPERTY	KAMINSKI, ANTONIO N	M0422704	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1800 I ST NW
209	04/25/2004 01:50	04042604	SIMPLE ASSAULT	BEHZADI, SHALTIROKH	M0420704	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1223 CONN AVE NW